IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Samuel KALLNER Art Unit: 2142 Application No.: 10/053,872 Conf. No. 5341 Examiner: Benjamin A. AILES Filed: January 24, 2002 Washington, D.C. For: COMMUNICATION ENDPOINT SUPPORTING MULTIPLE PROVIDER MODELS Atty.'s Docket: KALLNER=1 Date: February 6, 2007 Customer Service Window Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendment 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Sir: Transmitted herewith is a [] Amendment [XX] RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION in the above-identified application. [] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below: (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY CLAIMS PRESENT HIGHEST NO. RATE ADDITIONAL OR **ADDITIONAL** RATE REMAINING **PREVIOUSLY EXTRA** FEE PAID FOR AFTER **EQUALS AMENDMENT** TOTAL 42 MINUS 50 \$ INDEP 3 **MINUS** 9 0 100 \$ 200 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM \$ 180 360 \$ ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL OR | \$ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed. [XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. [] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below: Small Entity Other Than Small Entity Response Filed Within Response Filed Within First [] - \$ 60.00 First \$ 120.00 1 Second - \$ 225.00 \$ 450,00 - \$ 510.00 f 1 Third \$ 1020.00 Fourth \$ 795.00 [] Fourth] - \$ 1590.00 Month After Time Period Set Month After Time Period Set Less fees (\$ _) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$_

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Customer Service Window
Randolph Building, Mail Stop <u>Amendment</u>
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Sir:

In response to an Official Action dated November 7, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

This application contains claims 1, 4-16, 26, 29-41, 56 and 59-71, all of which were rejected in the present Official Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks that follow.

Claims 1, 4-13, 15, 16, 26, 29-38, 40, 41, 56, 59-68, 70 and 71 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Smyk et al. (U.S. Patent 6,597,686) in view of Gaus (U.S. Patent 6,778,652), and further in view of Klein (U.S. Patent 6,999,448), while claims 14, 39 and 69 were rejected over

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these three references and further in view of Hetz (U.S. Patent 6,185,289). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Applicants submit herewith a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.131, accompanied by Exhibits A, B and C, proving that they conceived the invention recited in the claims of the present patent application prior to March 14, 2000, and worked diligently to reduce the invention to practice from a date prior to March 14, 2000, until the invention was actually reduced to practice and tested successfully on or about June 21, 2000. Klein was filed March 14, 2000, after the effective date of the present invention.

The present Declaration relies in part on software source code that was submitted by Applicants together with an earlier Declaration in this case. As explained in responses by Applicants to previous Official Actions, this code implements all the elements of method claims 1 and 4-9, as well as of the corresponding apparatus and software product claims. With respect to claims 10-16 (and the corresponding apparatus and software product claims), Applicants' implementation of the invention would have enabled a person of ordinary skill in the art to practice these claims, even though some elements of these claims are not implemented in

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the code. In this regard, Applicants call the Examiner's attention to MPEP 715.02(I), second paragraph, and the arguments made in Applicants' response to the preceding Official Action in this case.

Thus, on the basis of Applicants' Declaration, Klein is not applicable as prior art against the present patent application, and the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) should be withdrawn.

Applicants believe the remarks presented hereinabove to be fully responsive to all of the grounds of rejection raised by the Examiner. In view of these remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims in the present application are in order for allowance. Notice to this effect is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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